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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited, except for U.S. patents and applications, is enclosed.

This information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of filing and prior to the issuance of the first office action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is required.

It is requested that the accompanying substitute PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on

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the attached substitute form PTO-1449.

It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initial a copy of the accompanying substitute PTO-1449 form and that it be returned to the undersigned.

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